

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Paula Yancey, City Manager
From: Chassity Bilbo, Executive Assistant/ Grants Assistant
Through: April Havens, Grants & Projects Manager
Date: October 11, 2016
Subject: Approval and authorization to pay last resort housing, incidental expenses, and moving expenses for Romulo Jacob 2312 Martin Bluff Rd for the Martin Bluff Road Widening Project STP-9194-00(001)LPA/105069-801000

REQUEST:

The Executive Department requests approval and authorization to pay last resort housing in the amount of \$51,750.00, incidental expenses in the amount of \$1,595.00, and moving expenses in the amount of \$2,150.00 for Romulo Jacob 2312 Martin Bluff Rd. for the Martin Bluff Road Widening Project STP-9194-00(001)LPA/105069-801000.

BACKGROUND:

This project is intended to provide improved traffic operations and safety on Martin Bluff Road. The project limits are between Gautier-Vancleave Road and the Service Road north of Interstate 10. This project is now in the right-of-way acquisition phase.

DISCUSSION:

Last resort housing is a relocation assistance term used when replacement housing payments exceed regulatory limits. (For people who live in a home being acquired for the project) The regulatory limit for tenants is \$7,200. The regulatory limit for owners is \$31,000 Last resort housing has no regulatory limit because the lawmakers require us to do whatever is necessary to provide replacement housing within a displaced person's financial means. MDOT's relocation reviewer approves all relocation offer amounts before the offer is made (even below \$50,000).

Incidental expenses are the same thing as closing costs. These are one-time costs associated with buying a home that a buyer typically pays, and are reasonable and necessary expenses. Examples of eligible incidental expenses would be: loan origination fee; attorney fees; recording fee; home inspection fee; appraisal fee; pest inspection fee; owner's and lender's title insurance, etc. Examples of ineligible incidental expenses would be: realtor fees - they are typically paid by the seller; insurance and taxes - these are annual fees, not one-time expenses.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Department recommends that City Council approve and authorize payment for last resort housing in the amount of \$51,750.00, incidental expenses in the amount of \$1,595.00, and moving expenses in the amount of \$2,150.00 for Romulo Jacob 2312 Martin Bluff Rd.

The City Council may:

1. Approve and authorize payment for the last resort housing in the amount of \$51,750.00, incidental expenses in the amount of \$1,595.00, and moving expenses in the amount of \$2,150.00 for Romulo Jacob 2312 Martin Bluff Rd; or
2. Not Approve and authorize payment for the last resort housing in the amount of \$51,750.00, incidental expenses in the amount of \$1,595.00, and moving expenses in the amount of \$2,150.00 for Romulo Jacob 2312 Martin Bluff Rd.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Right of Way Invoice

